

REMARKS

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed on September 22, 2005. Claim 1 is pending and has been amended herein to include the limitation of claim 2. Claim 2 has been canceled herein. No new matter has been added. Entry and consideration of the amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

A corrected drawing sheet is submitted herewith to overcome the objection to the drawing. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Xia (U.S. Patent No. 6,347,135). Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 2. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 as amended requires that the communication protocol permit local communication with other systems that are similar to the system described herein and therefore the system may discern whether the communication received is for the equipment fitted with the system itself or for other equipment. The Xia reference does not teach or suggest this element. The apparatus taught by Xia does not teach local communication with other systems similar to the described system, nor does it disclose discerning whether a communication received is for the system's equipment or for equipment of a different system. For at least these reasons, claim 1 is patentable over Xia. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection.

CONCLUSION

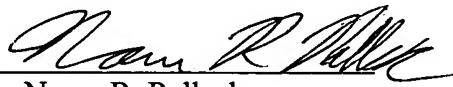
In view of the amendments to claim 1 made herein and the arguments presented above, it is submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been overcome and should be withdrawn. The application should now be in condition for allowance.

Should any changes to the claims and/or specification be deemed necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to discuss the same.

This Response is being filed with a Petition for a three-month extension of time. In the event that any other extensions and/or fees are required for the entry of this Amendment, the Patent and Trademark Office is specifically authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 23-2820 in the name of WOLF, BLOCK, SCHORR & SOLIS-COHEN LLP. An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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